(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Officers of ONGC have been sent for invesigation and the studies are not over.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) At present, ONGC does not have any plan for survey in Tamarambani river basin; the area is not considered promising since the sedimentary section is very thin.

Deputationists in the Indian Oil Corporation

1871. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past a directive was issued to all Government Departments/Corporations to revert back to their parent cadre such deputationists who have completed three years of deputation period;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inspite of such a directive some deputationists are still continuing in Indian Oil Corporation (Vigilance Department) for more than three years;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for their retention in the IOC for more than the period prescribed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Two officers in the Vigilance Department of IOC have been on deputation for more than three years. They will be relived on receipt of posting orders from their parent cadre/organisation.

LTC/Medical Reimbursement claims by IOC officials in respect of their dependants

1872. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials working in the Indian Oil Corporation are eligible for LTC/medical reimbursement in respect of dependants with monthly income of less than Rs. 350/- per month;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some officials of the Indian Oil Corporation (Vigilance Department) have claimed money for medical reimbursement and LTC in respect of their dependants who were serving on *ad hoc* basis in some Government Departments even though their income was more than Rs. 350/- per month; and

(c) if so, what is the number of such cases detected during the last three years and what action, departmental or otherwise has been taken against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such case has come to the notice of the management of I.O.C.

(c) Does not arise.

Cooking Gas Agencies in Rural and Urban Areas

1873. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of cooking gas agencies between urban and rural areas in the country at present;

(b) the ratio of cooking gas connections between urban and rural areas in the country presently;